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The Stretch, IBM's first transistorized computer: meeting Lab's growing computing needs

To meet the growing computing needs of the nuclear weapons program, the Laboratory jointly developed with IBM the Stretch, IBM's first transistorized computer. The Stretch, delivered in 1961, retained the title of world's fastest computer into the mid-1960s. Using this technology, IBM began to focus less on government contracts and more on building computers for thousands of commercial clients.

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